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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 5, 1998

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980013

To implement extended local service from its Toano exchange to its Providence Forge exchange

FINAL ORDER

On February 20, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA" or the "Company") filed an application with the State

Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. BA-VA proposed to notify its Toano exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Providence Forge exchange. Customers in the Providence

Forge exchange had previously petitioned the Commission for local calling to Toano. In a poll conducted in response to the petition, a majority of the Providence Forge customers responding supported paying higher rates for local calling to Toano. A poll of Toano subscribers was not required under § 56-484.2(A) of the Code of Virginia because the proposed rate increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential rate.

By order dated March 18, 1998, the Commission directed BA-VA to publish notice of the proposed increase. Affected telephone customers were given until May 13, 1998, to file comments or request a hearing on the proposal. No comments or requests for a hearing were received. On May 4, 1998, BA-VA filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's March 18, 1998 order.

On May 20, 1998, the Commission's Staff submitted its report regarding the Company's application. The Staff recommended that BA-VA's application to implement extended local service from its Toano exchange to its Providence Forge exchange be approved. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The proposed extension of local service from BA-VA's Toano exchange to its Providence Forge exchange shall be implemented.
- (2) The Company shall implement the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.
- (3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.